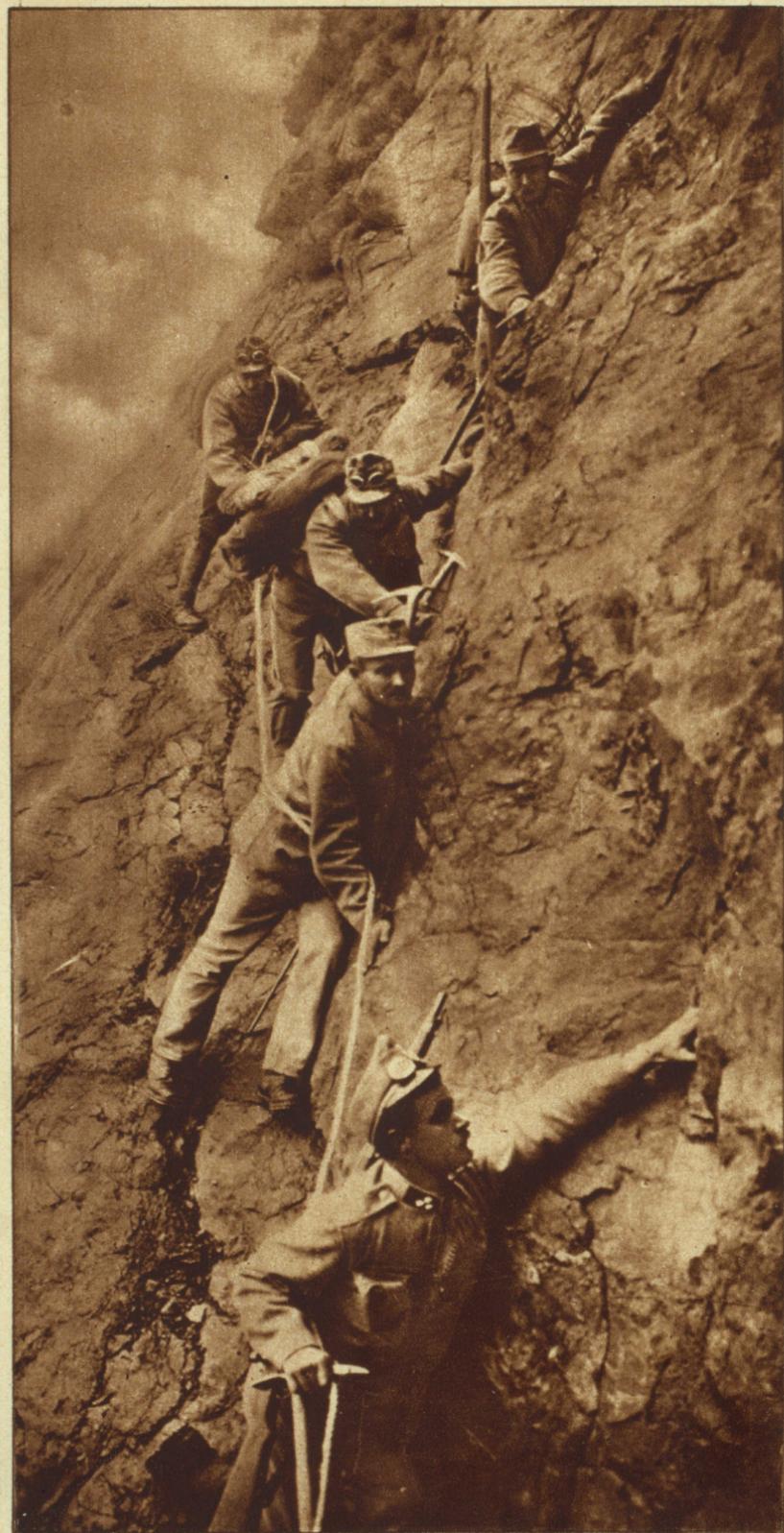


Incredible Difficulties Encountered and Overcome on Italian Front



(At left)—A vivid illustration is here given of the colossal tasks that had to be performed by the Italian and Austrian troops in the fighting between the two nations. Cliffs that would seem scarcely possible of scaling by a mountain goat were negotiated by daring soldiers tied together by ropes. Heavy artillery was pulled up steep mountain sides and swung from peak to peak over valleys hundreds and sometimes thousands of feet below.

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(Above)—Austrian mountain troops, clinging like so many flies to the slippery rocks and helping each other along by ropes, are climbing over a mountain pass in order to spring a surprise on an Italian detachment on the other side. On no other front, either in France or in Russia, were any natural difficulties met with at all comparable to those that became after a time a matter of course to the armies struggling against each other in the Alpine wilds.

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